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FYI. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED US ON SEPTEMBER 26 OF
EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO UK AND
SIR THOMAS BRIMELOW, NET EFFECT OF WHICH IS THAT UK FOR-
MALLY NOTIFIED ITALY OF ITS AGREEMENT TO ITALIAN PARTICIPA-
TION IN PREPARATORY MEETING FOR POSSIBLE ECONOMIC SUMMIT
AND IN SUMMIT ITSELF. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE INFORMED
ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HERE THAT WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO

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ITALIAN PARTICIPATION BUT THAT ITALIANS SHOULD CHECK WITH

GERMANS AND FRENCH AS TO THEIR ATTITUDE. FOR YOUR BACK-
GROUND, THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK BETWEEN THE
SECRETARY AND HIS FRENCH, GERMAN AND UK COLLEAGUES EARLIER
IN THE WEEK IN WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED AMONG
THEMSELVES TO ITALIAN PARTICIPATION BUT DECIDED TO CONFIRM
THIS IN FURTHER CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER EARLY IN THE WEEK
OF SEPTEMBER 29, AFTER GENSCHER AND SAUVAGNARGUES HAD HAD
OPPORTUNITY TO CONFER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE CHIEFS.
BRITISH ACTION THUS CAME AS SOMETHING OF A SURPRISE TO US.
WE ASSUME HOWEVER THAT ITALIAN ISSUE WILL BE SETTLED IN

A FEW DAYS SO THAT SHULTZ, AS HOST FOR PREPARATORY MEETING,
WILL BE IN A POSITION TO ISSUE INVITATION TO ITALIANS.
END FYI INGERSOLL

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